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To: Oral Surgeons
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Regional Administrators
CSO Administrators

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From: James C. Wilson, Assistant Secretary
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Subject: **Enhanced Reimbursement for Major Trauma Clients**

This memo is to clarify that enhanced reimbursement is available to Oral Surgeons treating fee-for-service Medical Assistance clients for **Major Trauma** services at Designated Trauma Centers.

“Physicians/Clinical Providers” became eligible for Major Trauma enhancement on March 1, 1998 (the regular payment increased by a percentage). For complete details, you may download a copy of Numbered Memorandum 99-04 MAA by accessing MAA’s website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov>, “Numbered Memorandum” link. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call MAA’s Provider Relations Unit at 1-800-562-6188 and request a hard copy of this numbered memorandum be mailed to you.

To receive enhanced payment for major trauma services, all the following must be met:

- The treatment must be for **major trauma** patients, who are defined as patients with an Injury Severity Score (ISS) of 9 or greater;
- The client must be treated at a Designated Trauma Center;
- The service must be provided on or after March 1, 1998; and
- The appropriate trauma coding must be on the claim form.

Oral surgeons must use the ADA dental claim form for claims for major trauma services. To designate services related to a Major Trauma client, enter 870000999 in field 2 in the “prior authorization number” area.

If you can identify previously billed claims for major trauma services that have dates of service on or after March 1, 1998, submit an adjustment request form and indicate in field 11 “Trauma service-authorization number 870000999,” and MAA will adjust the payment. If you need Adjustment Request (525-109) forms, fill out the attached Billing Claim Forms Request form (DSHS 17-101A), indicating the quantity of Adjustment Request forms you need, and send the completed form to MAA.

MAA is reviewing current CPT™ codes to identify additional codes that oral surgeons may bill.

**Billing Claim
Forms Request
Form (17-101A)-
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